

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2007. Consideration of this Amendment and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims.

It is believed that the amended claims are allowable as Gokcebay discloses the handle 196 (which has also been cited by the Examiner) outside or around of the cylinder (see e.g. Fig. 18). Moreover Gokcebay discloses at column 5, lines 56-66:

In accordance with the present invention, a key and lock combination achieves the objectives of security in a door lock type system wherein a single or group of mechanical keys are fitted to a single or plurality of lock cylinders. The lock cylinders may or may not contain tumblers or other mechanical combination to be met by a mechanical key; in the case where they contain tumblers or other mechanical combinations, the cylinders may be similarly keyed or may be part of a master keying system. In the case that the cylinders do not contain tumblers or other mechanical combinations, they contain a keyway for accepting a mechanical key having a matching keyway.


Thus, in all embodiments of Gokcebay a key is needed which has to be inserted into the keyway in order to turn the cylinder core. This is problematic in the dark, i.e. the knob of the present invention is easier to handle in the dark.

Moreover, with a knob on the cylinder a key is not needed, i.e. the lock can exchange a wireless signal with a remote transponder. Thus, both features, namely the knob on the cylinder and the wireless signal relate to a common inventive concept.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

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